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For: Substituted Hetero-Polycyclic Compounds as PPARa and PPARa Activators (as

amended)

## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action on the merits mailed May 5, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire August 5, 2004, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Applicant believes no fee is necessary to timely file this paper. However, should any petition or fee be required for timely filing of this amendment/response, Applicant hereby petitions for such Extension of Time and hereby grants authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1447, in the name of Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for any such required fee.

The Examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 17, 45-47, 54 and 55 are pending in the application; claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 17, 45-47, and 55 are allowed; and claim number 54 is rejected.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application, with current amendments noted.

Claim number 54 has been amended.